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1. At an extraordinary meeting of the Czechoslovak Cabinet under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Antonin Zapotocky on 6 December 1951, the Czechoslovak Government approved the proposal of then Minister of State Planning Jaromir Dolansky that skilled labor of Czech and Slovak origin be recruited in the United States, Canada, France and Belgium. This proposal was made on the recommendations of Minister of State Control Karol Bacilek and Minister of Mining and Metallurgical Industries Antonin Bilek.
2. Emphasis was laid on the possibility of recruiting Slovak workers in the United States where strong Communist organizations are already active. A fresh approach will be made to the workers by special emissaries sent into the field for this purpose. Instructions for such a campaign will soon be sent to the social and labor attaches at the Czechoslovak Embassies or Legations in Washington, Ottawa, Paris and Brussels. Recruiting in the United States and Canada will be under the control of Minister of Manpower Jaroslav Havelka.
3. All workers recruited abroad will be sent to the Hutni Kombinat (HUKO) Ironworks in Kosice (R49/E34), which is under construction and is planned to be ready to start production by 30 June 1953. This large, modern ironworks is dependent on such recruiting abroad because of the severe shortage of skilled manpower in Czechoslovakia. In order to attract workers, the Czechoslovak Government is prepared to offer all who re-emigrate free travel, housing accommodations, wages comparable to those they received abroad, and full amnesty for past political activities in such cases where this applies.

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